

MONTANA WILD TRANSPORTATION & LODGING GRANT APPLICATION FORM



**Montana Fish,
Wildlife & Parks**

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FWP is offering Montana schools (K-12) grant funds to visit the new Montana Wild - Education Center located at Spring Meadow Lake State Park in Helena, MT. Grants are for transportation and/or lodging costs only. The goal of this grant program is to assist “outlying” schools to come and learn at Montana Wild.

GRANT CRITERIA

To apply for the grant a school must, 1) be an “outlying” school (more than 50 miles, one way from Helena); and 2) participate in an educational event at Montana Wild for a minimum of 2 hours. To qualify for lodging reimbursement, schools must be located more than 150 miles (one way) from Helena. Reimbursement consists of \$20 / student.

*150 miles is based on the Montana Alliance for Small School’s training reimbursement policy.

Total transportation and lodging reimbursement combined is limited to \$2,500 per school. This is a reimbursement grant and the school must complete the trip prior to receiving a check.

The **deadline to submit a grant is December 23rd, 2011**. FWP will use the following criteria to score and rank grant requests. Schools will be notified on the success of their application by January 15, 2011.

If there is any funding still available after awarding schools who applied for the grant, money will be distributed on a first-come basis.

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Applicant (School Name):			
Mailing Address:			
City	State	Zip	County
Contact Person (Name):		Title:	
Contact Mailing Address:			
City	State	Zip	County
Telephone #:	Fax:	E-mail:	
Organization Tax ID Number:			
Amount Requested:		Total Projected Cost of Visit (transportation & lodging costs only):	
Transportation: _____			
Lodging: _____			
II. GRANT QUESTIONS:			
<i><u>Please answer the following questions by circling the appropriate letter</u></i>			
<p>The distance (one-way) your school (or closest community) is located from Helena. Use http://maps.google.com/ to determine distance. (Maximum number of 30 points.)</p> <p>A) 251+ miles (30 points)</p> <p>B) 151- 250 miles (20 points)</p> <p>C) 51- 150 miles (10 point)</p> <p>D) 0- 50 miles (0 points)</p>			

Total school enrollment. (Maximum number of 20 points). *Based on OPI's Montana ED Fact Sheet for school enrollment #'s and break points)

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| A) < 50 | (20 points) |
| B) 50 - 99 | (15 points) |
| C) 100 - 249 | (10 points) |
| D) 250 - 499 | (5 points) |
| E) >500 | (0 points) |

Percentage of the student population of the entire school visiting Montana Wild (Maximum number of 20 points)

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| A) 61-90% | (20 points) |
| B) 31-60% | (15 points) |
| c) 0-30% | (5 points) |

Percentage of total estimated cost of trip that the school will contribute. (Maximum number of 10 points)

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| E) 71 to 90% | (10 points) |
| F) 31 to 70% | (4 points) |
| G) 0 to 30% | (2 points) |

Provide a description (500 words or less) of a project or unit your class will be working on that is based on the one or more of the following: conservation, ecosystems, watersheds, MT fish & wildlife, stewardship, or sportsman/landowner relationships. (Maximum number of 20 points). Attach a separate sheet answering this question or use the space below.

IV. AUTHORIZATION

I (we) hereby certify that the information contained in this grant application is accurate.

Program/Project Coordinator Signature

Date

Note:

- (1) MT Wild can accommodate groups of up to 60 students at a time. Typical school visits last 1-2 hours.
- (2) All visiting schools requesting FWP Staff- led programs must complete the following prior to their visit:
 - 2 Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks approved activities/lessons in the classroom.
 - And/or one classroom project that focuses on one or more of the following: conservation, ecosystems, watersheds, MT fish and wildlife, stewardship of Montana fish, wildlife, parks, and/or recreational resources, or outdoor field investigations/ observation skills.
- (3) All visiting schools must complete a Montana Wild evaluation after their visit to the center.